

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01794-CJN**

LATINOJUSTICE PRLDEF et al v. FEDERAL EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/31/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/31/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5612818) filed by LATINOJUSTICE PRLDEF, Centro de Periodismo Investigativo. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Exhibit, # <u>6</u> Exhibit, # <u>7</u> Exhibit)(Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 07/31/2018)
07/31/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CENTRO DE PERIODISMO INVESTIGATIVO (Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 07/31/2018)
07/31/2018	<u>3</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by LATINOJUSTICE PRLDEF (Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 07/31/2018)
08/02/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zjd) (Entered: 08/02/2018)
08/02/2018	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zjd) (Entered: 08/02/2018)
08/02/2018	<u>5</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Natasha Lycia Ora Bannan, :Firm- LatinoJustice PRLDEF, :Address- 99 Hudson Street, 14th floor, New York, NY 10013. Phone No. - 212-739-7583. Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number 0090-5618876. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by CENTRO DE PERIODISMO INVESTIGATIVO, LATINOJUSTICE PRLDEF (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 08/02/2018)
08/02/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>5</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice: Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.2(d), it is hereby ORDERED that Natasha Lycia Ora Bannan is admitted to represent Plaintiffs pro hac vice in this case. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on August 2, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 08/02/2018)
08/16/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 8/15/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 9/14/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 8/15/18., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY served on 8/14/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 08/16/2018)
09/14/2018	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua M. Kolsky on behalf of FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 09/14/2018)
09/14/2018	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.(Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 09/14/2018)
09/14/2018		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and submit a proposed briefing scheduling on or before September 28, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on September 14, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 09/14/2018)

09/25/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 9/28/2018 (tj) (Entered: 09/25/2018)
09/28/2018	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 09/28/2018)
09/28/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>9</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before October 26, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on September 28, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 09/28/2018)
10/26/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 10/26/2018)
10/26/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>10</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before November 30, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on October 26, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 10/26/2018)
11/30/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRO DE PERIODISMO INVESTIGATIVO, LATINOJUSTICE PRLDEF. (Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 11/30/2018)
11/30/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>11</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before December 28, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on November 30, 2018. (lcrc3) (Entered: 11/30/2018)
12/21/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant shall conduct the supplemental search by 1/11/2018; Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 1/22/2019. (kt) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/26/2018	<u>12</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Paul Cirino on behalf of FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY Substituting for attorney Joshua M. Kolsky (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 12/26/2018)
12/28/2018	<u>13</u>	Consent MOTION to Stay <i>Proceedings In Light Of Lapse Of Appropriations</i> by FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 12/28/2018)
01/24/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>13</u> Defendant's Motion to Stay. It is hereby ORDERED that this action is stayed until appropriations are restored to the Department of Justice. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the supplemental search previously due to be conducted by January 11, 2019 shall be conducted within 21 days of Congress restoring appropriations, and that the parties shall file a proposed briefing schedule within 14 days thereafter. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on January 24, 2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 01/24/2019)
02/13/2019	<u>14</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time <i>Deadlines</i> by FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cirino, Paul) Modified event on 2/15/2019 (znmw). (Entered: 02/13/2019)
02/13/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>14</u> Defendant's Consent Motion for Extension of Time. It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall complete its supplemental search on or before March 1, 2019. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall file a proposed schedule for further proceedings on or before March 12, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on February 13, 2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 02/13/2019)
02/14/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 3/12/2019 (tj) (Entered: 02/14/2019)
03/12/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 03/12/2019)
03/12/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>15</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another status report on or before March 26, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on March 12, 2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 03/12/2019)

03/15/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 3/26/2019 (tj) (Entered: 03/15/2019)
03/26/2019	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 03/26/2019)
03/27/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>16</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before April 10, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on March 27, 2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 03/27/2019)
03/27/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 4/10/2019 (tj) (Entered: 03/27/2019)
04/10/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 04/10/2019)
04/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>17</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall process a minimum of 750 pages per month and release the non-exempt responsive documents to Plaintiffs every 30 days. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall file a Joint Status Report every 60 days to apprise the Court of the progress of the production and any issues that might arise. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on April 11, 2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 04/11/2019)
05/22/2019	<u>18</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Benjamin M. Seel on behalf of All Plaintiffs (Seel, Benjamin) (Entered: 05/22/2019)
06/10/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 06/10/2019)
06/26/2019		Case directly reassigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. Judge Rudolph Contreras is no longer assigned to the case. (rj) (Entered: 06/26/2019)
08/09/2019	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 08/09/2019)
08/13/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report by October 8, 2019, per the Court's April 11, 2019 Order. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 13, 2019. (lccjn1) (Entered: 08/13/2019)
08/13/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Additional Joint Status Report due by 10/8/2019. (mac) (Entered: 08/13/2019)
10/08/2019	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 10/08/2019)
10/08/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit a Joint Status Report by December 9, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on October 8, 2019. (lccjn2) (Entered: 10/08/2019)